

The Town of Halfmoon
Navigator
Fall 2019



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Supervisor's Office

From the Desk of Supervisor Kevin J. Tollisen....

As we enter into fall and the final months of the year, we look back over a very fun filled summer in the Town of Halfmoon. Town parks and trails were packed with Town residents enjoying the splash pad, playgrounds, walking trails, facilities and other amenities.

Once again, we partnered with LifeSong, Inc., for our Farmers Market, which was a tremendous success as it offered fresh fruits and vegetables, handmade crafts, and other goods to our residents. Our Town Highway Department paved several roads throughout the Town and our Water Department is involved in many projects to upgrade and enhance our Town water system. We are happy to report that the Town water project to connect with the Saratoga County Water Authority is almost complete. The Town of Halfmoon will now have two separate long term potable sources of water to ensure our families have safe and adequate drinking water.

The Tentative Town Budget for 2020 is almost complete and we are pleased to report that this will be the 41st consecutive year the Town will have no general town tax. The Town is fiscally in sound financial shape and we are investing monies into our future, while also saving to ensure the Town remains financially secure.

As the Holidays approach in November and December, we are reminded of those who are less fortunate and are in need. Once again, The Town of Halfmoon Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Town of Halfmoon Character Counts program, will hold its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. If you are able to donate food items, please stop by the Halfmoon Town Hall and drop your food donations in the designated boxes. Your contribution will help families in need throughout Halfmoon enjoy the Holidays.

I would like to extend our best wishes during this final quarter of the year. If I or a member of our Team may be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (518) 371-7410 X2200.

Kevin J. Tollisen,
Halfmoon Town Supervisor



Kevin J. Tollisen
Halfmoon Town Supervisor

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Parks Department	ext. 2533
Planning Department	ext. 2266
Receiver of Taxes	ext. 2251
Recreation Department	ext. 2272
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Senior Express	ext. 2320
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Town of Halfmoon Hours of Operation

**Supervisor's Office, Assessor's Office,
Building Department, Code Enforcement Office,
Comptroller, Planning Department,
Recreation Department, Receiver of Taxes,
Senior Center, Water Department** (located on Brookwood Rd.)

Open Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Town Clerks Office

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm;
Wednesday 8:00am - 7:00pm

Animal Control - On-Call As Needed

Justice Clerk's Office (check web site for Court times)

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Highway Department (Located on Route 146)

Monday - Thursday 6:00am - 4:00pm (Summer Hours)

Transfer Station (Located on Route 146)

Tuesday 8:00am - 12:00pm; Friday 12:00pm - 5:00pm;
Saturday 8:00am - 1:00pm

All Town Parks - Dawn-Dusk

To advertise in the next Halfmoon Navigator please send an email to Navigator@townofhalfmoon-ny.gov or call (518) 371-7410 ext. 2200

*We hope you enjoy this issue of
the Town of Halfmoon Navigator*



Navigator Staff

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Saturday

September 28, 2019

HARVEST PARADE

**PARADE
WILL KICK OFF AT
10:00AM**

Parade Route - Harris Road from Chester Drive to the Halfmoon Town Hall

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Halfmoon Town Park Route 236 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm

FREE ADMISSION FAMILY FUN

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**CGM CONSTRUCTION AWARDED
OUTSTANDING BUSINESS RECOGNITION FOR
ACHIEVEMENT OVER THE LAST 40 YEARS**



From left: Councilman Eric Catricala, Town Clerk Lynda Bryan, Councilman Paul Hotaling, Chris Marchand Jr., Chris Marchand Sr., Councilman John Wasilewski, Supervisor Kevin Tollisen, and Councilman Jeremy Connors.

CGM Construction was awarded the first "Town of Halfmoon Outstanding Business Recognition Award" at the Town Board meeting on July 2, 2019. CGM Construction has been a family owned business in Halfmoon for 40 years. The Marchand family has brought excellence in building to Halfmoon and are active members of the Halfmoon community.

The Outstanding Business Recognition Awards nomination forms can be obtained at the Town Hall offices and online through the website: www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov. Anyone can make a nomination.

Halfmoon Heroes

Nominate A Halfmoon Hero

Many times, there are special people that donate their time, talents and efforts to make Halfmoon a better place to live, work, and raise a family, but often go unnoticed and unappreciated.

If you know a Halfmoon resident, who volunteers to assist others, lends a helping hand, or is always there in time of need, complete a nomination form so he or she can be recognized.

Nomination forms are available at Town Hall



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The Town of Halfmoon has recently recognized three outstanding individuals as Halfmoon Heroes. These individuals are recognized for their dedication and service to the community of Halfmoon.



Halfmoon Hero
Michael Bartlett



Michael Bartlett is recognized for his willingness to lend a helping hand by helping others by providing transportation and support to those in need. He has proven through his willingness to engage in community service that he is a person worthy of recognition as a Halfmoon Hero.

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Halfmoon Hero
Nancy Morris



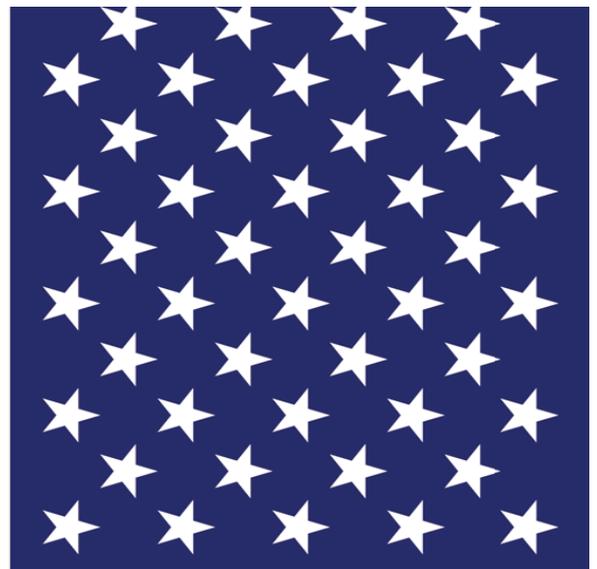
Nancy Morris is recognized for her dedication and service to the senior community in the Town of Halfmoon. Her volunteerism, countless hours of time and devotion to making Halfmoon a better place for all.

Halfmoon Hero
Art Hunsinger



Art Hunsinger is recognized as a Halfmoon Hero for his outstanding service and dedication as a member of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Fire Department, the Saratoga County Fire Advisory Board. Art has an avid love for his community and sense of honor and duty to put others first and make Halfmoon the best it can be for everyone.

**Annual
Veterans Memorial
Ceremony**
Saturday
October 12, 2019
10:00 AM



Halfmoon Town Park, Route 236, Halfmoon

The names of all Veterans engraved on the walkway will be read aloud during the ceremony.

For more information please call Town of Halfmoon (518) 371-7410 ext, 2200

Recreation

Fall & Winter Events

**28
SEPT**

HARVEST PARADE

The beloved parade is back! The parade will kick off at 10am and travel down Harris Road between Chester Drive and the Halfmoon Town Hall. Come see local businesses and organizations as they walk down the mile parade route. We hope to see many smiling faces!

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OCT**

SKI PROGRAM

Learn to Ski/Snowboard program will begin in January 2020 at Willard Mountain and will run for 6 consecutive Saturdays (weather permitting). Registration forms will be available in the Recreation Office or on our website starting in October. Everyone ages 4 to adult are welcome to participate.

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OCT**

TRUNK OR TREAT

Come join us for our annual Trunk or Treat. The children can get treats from each vendor while the adults learn more about businesses in our local area. Done trick or treating? Make sure to stick around to take part in the many activities for the children.

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NOV**

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive starting November 4th. The donation box is located at the front entrance of the Town Hall. Items needed: Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Gravy/Gravy Mix, Soup/Soup Mix, Dessert Mix, Canned Vegetables, Canned Cranberries, Muffin Mix. Donations will be collected until November 22nd. Items will be made into holiday baskets and delivered to local seniors and families in need.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa's mailbox will be installed outside the front doors of the Town Hall from December 1st to December 18th for children to mail their letters to Santa Claus. Children will get a response from Jolly Old Saint Nick and a special surprise just for them! Please remember to include a self addressed stamped legal size envelope. This must be included for a child to receive an answer from Santa!

Animal Control

Goodbye Dog Days of Summer, Hello Fall & Winter

Fall and winter will soon be upon us, so while we make preparations for the cooler weather, we should be sure to figure our four-legged friends into the mix. Here are some tips to keep your fur buddies happy and healthy with the coming change of seasons.



1. As colder temperatures arrive, rodents try to seek shelter in our homes and outbuildings. The use of rat and mouse poisons increase as a result. These products are highly toxic to pets and if ingested can be fatal. If you use these products, be very cautious and put them in inaccessible places where your pets cannot go. Also be sure to promptly dispose of rodent carcasses, because secondary ingestion can be just as dangerous.
2. Many people prep their car engines at this time of year and change their coolant. Ethylene glycol coolants are highly toxic and their sweet taste is very attractive to pets. Consider switching to propylene glycol coolants – while not completely nontoxic, they are much less toxic than traditional coolants.
3. Keep school supplies out of the reach of pets – glue sticks, markers and pencils can cause stomach upset and blockages if eaten.
4. Stay clear of mushrooms and toadstools. Cooler weather seasons like fall and spring are mushroom months. While most are harmless, approximately 1% are highly toxic and can cause life threatening problems.
5. Watch out for ticks! They can gather in piles of dead leaves and grasses and many species can survive the first frost. Check yourself and your pet for any ticks promptly after outdoor activities. Lyme disease is just one of many tick borne illnesses that can affect both you and your pet. Make use of tick collars or preparations to help protect both of you.
6. Fall and winter mean special treats around the holidays. Keep chocolate, grapes and raisins away from pets, as they can be toxic. Rich foods can cause stomach upset, diarrhea and gastroenteritis and in some cases, pancreatitis. Turkey bones can be choking hazards.
7. Be careful with decorations. Some pets like to ingest them which can cause dangerous foreign body obstructions in their digestive tracts.
8. Don't leave your pets outside for prolonged periods of time. Just because they have fur coats does not mean that they cannot suffer from frost bite and hypothermia. A pet's age, body condition, and breed can all affect how well they tolerate the cold. If it is too cold for you to remain out of doors, it is also too cold for them. Certain medical conditions worsen in cold weather, such as arthritis. Take shorter walks and inspect their feet for ice buildup and rinse off salt preparations when you return inside.

I hope you and your pets have safe, happy and healthy fall and winter seasons!

Beth Abramson, Animal Control Officer, Town of Halfmoon

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St. Luke's
on the Hill

Welcoming Congregation!

Worship

Saturdays - 4pm • **Sundays** - 8am & 10am
Last Saturday of the month – 12 Step Eucharist

Wednesdays - 6pm Brief Eucharist with Potluck
following. Bible Study: 7pm - 8:15pm

Please see our **EVENTS** page for further *event details* and
to find out what's all happening at St. Luke's on the Hill

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1st Saturday of the Month - Men's Breakfast & Study

1st Saturday of the Month – Men's Bible Study

Brotherhood of the Bacon 9:30 - 11am

Ladies of the Latte: Monthly Ladies Study in the Fall.

Please see website for dates/times & details.

SPECIAL FALL EVENTS:

Sat. September 28 – Back to Basics Speaker Series

12-Step Eucharist at 4pm, followed by Potluck and Speakers
at 6pm.

Sat. October 5 – Patriotic St. Luke's Choir Presentation

10-11am at the Veteran's Memorial, Halfmoon Town Park.

Sat. October 12 – An Evening with Darryl Strawberry,

hosted by St. Luke's Recovery Resource Center and DARC.
Time, location, and registration on website. Free Event.

Wed. Oct 16 - Non-denominational Grief Group

Comfort for Those Who Mourn 4:30-6 pm Wed.

Oct. 16 through Nov 20. (6 sessions)

Sat. October 19 – Annual Handcrafted-Only Craft Fair

from 9am to 3pm. **Free** event, rain or shine.

*St. Luke's Recovery Resource Center is a ministry of
St. Luke's on the Hill. See our website **RECOVERY** page
for activities occurring throughout the week.*



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A Look Back

*It is back to school time...
So what was it like in Halfmoon 100 years ago?*

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, one room schoolhouses were the norm in rural Halfmoon. A single teacher taught students in grades one through eight all together in the same room. The youngest students—called Abecedarians, because they would learn their ABCs—sat in the front, while the oldest sat in the back. The room was heated by a single wood stove.

There was no transportation to get to school. Most schoolhouses were built to serve students living within 4 or 5 miles, which was considered close enough for them to walk. Your great-grandparents really did have to walk five miles in the snow to get to school!

Forget Tablets and gel pens.

There were no fancy school supplies in the 19th and early-20th centuries. Students made do with just a slate and some chalk.



Halfmoon School District #1. - Halfmoon Village located at the start of Churchill Road, Originally the Halfmoon Academy in the 1820's and Middletown Union School in 1877

Very few students advanced beyond grade school.

In 1900, only 11 percent of all children between ages 14 and 17 were enrolled in high school, and even fewer graduated. Those figures had improved only slightly by 1910.

School often played second fiddle to work.

Parents often couldn't make ends meet without children working on the family farms, pitching in at family businesses, or getting jobs in mills, mines, or factories outside the home. The children often had to quit school at a young age to go to work.

On January 14, 1950 the days of the one room school house came to a close.

The Shenendehowa Central School District was organized by a vote of the residents in the common school districts in Halfmoon, Clifton Park, Malta, Waterford, Ballston & Stillwater. The Shenendehowa Central School District now represents 86 square miles.



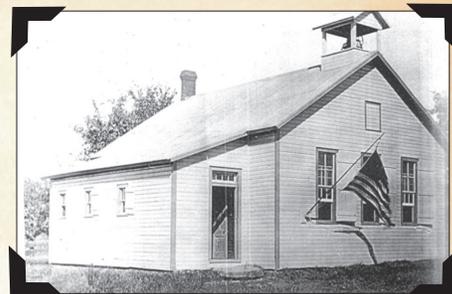
Halfmoon School District #2. - Newton School Located on Upper Newton Road behind New Country Toyota



Halfmoon School District #4 - McAran's School also know as Cary Road or Anthony School was built in 1832/1833. The school burned in 1950 and was replaced with a Quonset Hut (a military surplus building). Located at the intersection of Cary and Angle Road.



Halfmoon School District #5. - West Crescent School. Located on the east side of Dunsbach Road and is currently a private residence.



Halfmoon School #3. - Crescent School or Barney Kane School. Was located at the intersection of Crescent, Vischer Ferry and Beach Road. Mohawk Terrace Apartments now stands on this site.



Halfmoon School District #9. - Guideboard School. School was moved across Route 9 to Grooms Road and was the home of the American Legion. It is now home to Sorrentino's Deli.



Halfmoon District #11. - Crescent School. Located at the north side of the intersection of Route 9 and Church Hill Road. Eight greder were all in one rom.



Halfmoon School #12. - Located on the corner of Old Route 146 and Cemetery Road.

The Historical Society's Annual Picnic

was held in June on the beautiful Suchocki Farm on Harris Road. What a perfect setting to have an outdoor picnic on this historical farm just as many generations have in the past! Thank you to the Suchocki Family for your generosity and continued support of the Historical Society.



Suchocki Farm on Harris Road



Suchocki Farm on Harris Road

The Halfmoon Historical Society schedule of their monthly Fall meetings are:

- September 24th – The Peebles Family History Part II
- October 29th – Crescent at the turn of the Century
- November 26th – Civil War Display in Town Hall

All Meetings start at 7:00 pm at Historical Society Building on Lower Newtown Road next to the Senior Center.

Come and join us and learn about Halfmoon's rich history!

Lynda Bryan, Historical Society President

Halfmoon FARMER'S MARKET

Wednesdays 3:00pm-6:00pm

Abele Park, Harris Road, Town of Halfmoon Municipal Center

Fresh Produce, Crafts & More from our Vendors



Petuske's Produce
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 and Farm
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2019 Season Ends Wednesday, September 25, 2019

BUSTLING 2019 HALFMOON IS JUST A “DEJA VOUS” OF THE ERIE CANAL DAYS

We talk about all the businesses continually opening up in Halfmoon. Did you know that there was another time that Halfmoon was equally as busy? What we are seeing is a “deja vous” of the Erie Canal days. Crescent (as Halfmoon was called then) had a population in the triple digits and farming was the main industry.

The Erie Canal brought Crescent into a new dimension. The canal could move the farmer’s goods from Buffalo to NYC. The local farmers would line their wagons up for a half mile to load and unload goods onto the boats. Stores, Taverns and Hotels opened to service the “Canaler’s”. Brickyards, Foundry’s, Grist and Saw Mills expanded as they had a much larger audience to which they could market their goods.

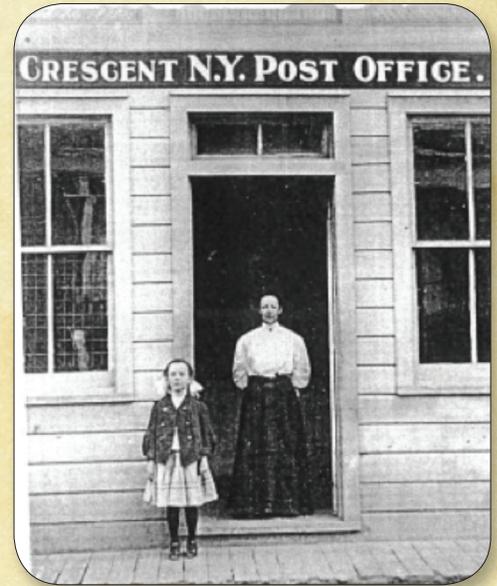
This newfound growth also caused the need of the opening of the Farmer’s Bank of Saratoga County. It was a bustling time in Crescent until replacement of the Erie Canal changed the footprint of Crescent resulting in the closing of many businesses and eventually forced the closing of the Farmer’s Bank.

People talk about how much traffic there is on our roads. But in 1823 progress was rapidly changing things in Halfmoon. The stone aqueduct (now the Crescent Bridge), was built to carry the Erie Canal over the Mohawk River. Later, a bridge was built allowing you to walk; take the Stage Coach or your horse & wagon to cross the river. Imagine how excited residents were with this modern convenience! At the north end of the bridge, a road was created through a tree laden path now called Route 9. I am sure the local residents were talking about the traffic just as we are today!

Halfmoon sure has seen many changes in the past 100 plus years and I’m sure there is more changes to come. I can’t help but wonder what people will be saying about us in 100 years!

Please take some time to visit Town Hall and look at the new display in the foyer of Crescent during the Erie Canal days. A picture speaks a thousand words and there are many pictures depicting another time when Halfmoon was bustling!

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CRESCENT POST OFFICE STARTED IN 1852

John O. Mott was the first Postmaster Post Office was located in Stella Van Woert’s Store. Stella served as a Postmaster for nearly 20 years from 1909-1929 when it was discontinued. Stella sold stamps, pencils, ink & candy



Crescent Bridge looking south.

The Post office was moved to make way for Route 9



Vivian “Uber” Bornt was 16 years old and working in her father’s store. They also had a hotel and gas station located where Lussiers is now.

Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk

Parks Department

Repair & Prepare

Preparing your lawn for winter in the late fall months helps you to ensure that your grass will thrive once spring arrives with strong root development and rich colorful growth. This is especially important if you've recently had sod installed since the sod's first winter can have a major effect on how well it establishes itself.



Gently rake the sod to remove any leaves that may have fallen. Having too many leaves on your lawn blocks light and reduces air flow that is essential to the proper growth of new sod.

Mow your sod during the fall, lowering the blade on your mower slightly each time until the grass is between 1.5 and 2 inches.

Apply a winterizing fertilizer or other slow-release nitrogen-rich fertilizer to the sod in November, provided that the sod has been in place for at least six weeks. Water the sod after applying the fertilizer to begin the fertilizer release process and ensure that all fertilizer has settled down to the soil level.

Fall Hikes & Foliage

Make sure to capture views of blue skies, evergreens, and colorful foliage while walking or hiking town trails along the Mohawk or Hudson rivers. Overcast skies showcase autumn hues the best. Keep a lookout for migrating birds as well. Be sure to check weather and trail conditions even if you're



just going on a day hike, and bring essential items such as a compass, tarp, extra food and clothing, waterproof matches, flashlight, and whistle. It's also important to know when hunting season begins and to wear bright clothing such as orange, red, or bright green.



On Thin Ice

The winter months offer many unique opportunities to explore by walking, hiking, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing. Follow these ice safety tips when near bodies of water during your adventures around town:

- ❖ Obey all posted signs at recreation and watershed areas
- ❖ There should be at least 6 inches of hard ice before walking on it. You can't just look at it to see how thick it is, you actually have to punch a hole in it to figure out how thick it is.
- ❖ Beware of ice covered with snow. Snow can insulate ice and keep it from freezing. It can also mask unsafe conditions like hidden cracks and other weak spots.
- ❖ Parents should always closely watch and supervise their children, and explain the dangers of playing on frozen reservoirs, lakes, and rivers.

Paul Maiello, Director of Parks

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Highway Department

Dear Halfmoon Residents,

Your Highway Department would like to thank you for your cooperation during another productive summer.

We will be heading into the winter season and would like to pass on some reminders and helpful tips.

Please remove all objects from the Town right of way, including basketball hoops. The Town right of way, depending on your road, is between 25' and 30' from the centerline.

When traveling please keep a safe distance from snowplows, and use extreme caution when you see one backing up, remember, the driver is alone.

Avoid pushing snow into or across a road, it is illegal and you can be ticketed.

When clearing the end of a driveway, we suggest placing the snow to the **right** of the driveway so that as the plow comes through the snow you cleared is not being re-deposited back onto the driveway.

Garbage and recycling containers should be kept at the edge of the driveway and not in the road. (see *Illustration above*)

To protect our children, please remind them how dangerous it can be to play or build snow forts near the road, drivers may not see them.

Although we take great care at minimizing mailbox and lawn damage during the winter season, unfortunately sometimes it can not be avoided. To allow us to prepare for future storms, it becomes necessary for the plows to push the snow beyond the edge of the road. If you must install snow markers in the Town right of way, please keep them at least two feet from the edge of the road. This will help prevent them from being knocked down from the weight of the snow as the plow comes through.

Together we all can continue to keep Halfmoon a safe and healthy place to work, live and play. As always, please call 518-664-3127 for questions or comments.

On behalf of the entire Highway department please stay healthy and have a great holiday season.

John Pingelski, Halfmoon Highway Superintendent



WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

Town Code 120-5:

No person shall park or leave unattended by a licensed driver any vehicle on the pavement or shoulder of any Town highway, road, or street during a period of snowfall, freezing rain or other winter-type weather and for a forty-eight hour period after the precipitation ceases.



Transfer Station

The Town of Halfmoon operates a Transfer Station and Recycling Center for the convenience of its residents located at 322 Route 146 at the Highway Department facility.

A permit is required to utilize the Transfer Station, permits are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Town strives to continue to offer a facility that operates 3 days a week. The revenue collected from user fees help offset the expenses to operate this facility.

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Halfmoon Celebrations Assoc., Inc. 2019 Calendar of Events



Saturday, September 28th
from 12 pm to 4 pm at the Halfmoon Town Park.
* New this year *
Take out Chicken BBQ from 4 to 6 pm.
Get your tickets in advance.

Saturday,
October 26th
you can find
us in the
Land of Oz
at the
Trunk or Treat
event hosted by
Halfmoon
Recreation.



Saturday,
November 16th
from
10 am to 3 pm
at the
Halfmoon
Town Hall.



Saturday,
December 14th
from 6 to 9 pm
don't forget the
Outside Decorating
Contest

Memorial
Tree Lighting
Ceremony
Sunday, December 1st
from 6 to 8 pm at
Abele Park & Gazebo.

Jingle Bell Bash
Saturday,
December 7th
from 12 to 4 pm
at the Town Hall

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Calendar of Events

September, October,
November, December

September

- 27 **Fall Clean-up** ~ Noon- 5 p.m. ~ Halfmoon Transfer Station
- 28 **Harvest Parade** ~ 10:00 a.m.
Harvest Festival ~ Noon – 4 p.m. ~ Halfmoon Town Park
Chicken BBQ ~ 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. ~ Halfmoon Town Park
Fall Clean-up ~ 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. ~ Halfmoon Transfer Station

October

- 2 **Town Board Pre-Meeting** ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Town Hall
Town Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 7 **Zoning Board Pre-Meeting** ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Town Hall
Zoning Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 12 **Veterans Memorial Brick Ceremony** ~ 10:00 a.m.
~Veterans Memorial in Town Park
- 14 **HOLIDAY** ~ All Town Offices Closed
- 15 **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 16 **Town Board Pre-Meeting** ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Town Hall
Town Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 21 **Trails and Open Space Committee Meeting** ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 26 **Trunk or Treat** ~ Town Hall
- 28 **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 29 **Historical Society Meeting** ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Historical Building

November

- 3 **Daylight Savings time ends** ~ move clocks back one hour
- 4 **Thanksgiving Food Drive begins**
Zoning Board Pre-Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Town Hall
Zoning Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 5 **Election Day**
- 6 **Town Board Pre-Meeting** ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Town Hall
Town Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 11 **HOLIDAY** ~ All Town Offices Closed
- 12 **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 16 **Holiday Market Place** ~ 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 20 **Town Board Pre-Meeting** ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Town Hall
Town Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 23 **Thanksgiving Food Basket Delivery**
- 24 **Memorial Tree Decorating** ~ 10 a.m. – Noon ~ Abele Memorial Park
- 25 **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 26 **Historical Society Meeting** ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Historical Building
- 28 **HOLIDAY** ~ All Town Offices Closed
- 29 **HOLIDAY** ~ All Town Offices Closed

December

- 1 **Memorial Tree Lighting** ~ 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. ~ Abele Memorial Park
Letters to Santa Mailbox ~ Town Hall
- 2 **Zoning Board Pre-Meeting** ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Town Hall
Zoning Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 4 **Town Board Pre-Meeting** ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Town Hall
Town Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 9 **Planning Board Pre-Meeting** ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 14 **Outside Decorating Contest** 6 p.m.- 9 p.m.
- 16 **Trails and Open Space Committee Meeting** ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 18 **Town Board Pre-Meeting** ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Town Hall
Town Board Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Hall
- 24 **HOLIDAY** ~ All Town Offices Closed
- 25 **HOLIDAY** ~ All Town Offices Closed
- 31 **HOLIDAY** ~ All Town Offices Close at Noon



TOWN OF HALFMOON RESIDENTS

2019 FALL CLEAN – UP DATES



September 17, 20, 21, 24, 27, 28

Tuesday 8:00am – Noon ** Friday, Noon – 5:00pm

**** Saturday 8:00am – 3:00pm**

Cleanup is limited to Town of Halfmoon Residents Only

No Contractors

Transfer Station Permit is required

Permit can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

Metals and appliances can be dumped all year long.

Residents may dump items and construction debris during the above dates.

The fee are as follows:

\$5. Per car load, \$10 per truck or van load, \$10 per trailer load,

U-Haul type vehicles will be charged accordingly.

Regular household garbage will be charged the normal rate.

No Combustibles or Toxic Substances Allowed

**Paint containers must be open and dry. Yard waste is accepted for free,
(Branches no more than 3" in diameter and 6' in length)**

Tires are charged as follows:

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Senior Center

The **Halfmoon Senior Citizen Association Inc.** is open to all seniors age 55 and over with no residency requirement. The **Halfmoon Senior Center** is open Monday thru Friday from 9am to 4pm and offers a variety of activities, programs, events, trips, seminars, and exercise programs. When many other avenues for senior activities and fellowship have dwindled, our Center continues to thrive and grow by leaps and bounds. Each day at noon the **Saratoga County Office for the Aging Home Delivered Meal Program** serves lunch at the Center. There is something everyday for you to participate in and enjoy at the Center. Come for a morning activity and stay for lunch or, come for lunch and stay for an afternoon activity!



The Center is excited to host our first **Senior Safety Expo**, sponsored by the Clifton Park-Halfmoon EMS, on Wednesday, **September 25th** from **12:30pm to 3:30pm**. The Expo will touch on all aspects of keeping seniors safe at home. Presentations will be given by Albany Medical Center, Saratoga County Office for the Aging, Clifton Park EMS, Saratoga County Sheriff's, Care Links, the YMCA, and the Alzheimer's Association. Also offered will be free health screenings, including blood pressure and glucose checks, hearing and vision checks. There will also be other community organizations on hand to talk with you and provide information on many different programs and services available in the community. The Expo is open to all regardless of membership or place of residency.

On **November 9th** we will hold our **Annual Holiday Bazaar** from **9am to 2pm**. There will be hundreds of hand made craft items and baked goods for you to choose from, along with the ever popular, Grandma's Attic. The **Lunch Café** will be open from 11am to 1pm, to serve you homemade soup and sandwiches. The bazaar will offer you the opportunity to buy your homemade baked goods for the Thanksgiving holiday and to purchase hand made gifts for Hanukkah and Christmas gift giving. Don't forget to get your raffle ticket for the beautiful handmade quilt that our Quilters made especially for this event! This is always a fun event and is open to the public. Pass the word and be sure to bring your family and your friends. All proceeds go to fund the programs and activities that are offered at the Center. Only with your continued support and assistance can we continue to provide them to our seniors. **See you at the bazaar!**

A unique program that we offer is our **Alzheimer's Support Group** which meets the third Thursday of every month at 12:00pm. Caregivers enjoy a complimentary lunch together while those they care for also enjoy a complimentary lunch, before participating in a group activity. This support group is not only for those with Alzheimer's but any type of dementia as well. If you or someone you know are interested in attending, please call the Center to sign-up. All caregivers of any age whether members or non-members are welcome.

Keeping our bodies in good health is a major goal here at the Center so we offer many different activities and classes to help. The cold weather is coming so our Fitness Center is the perfect place for you to exercise, because it was designed with you in mind. There is a treadmill for you to use at your leisure. The Center offers a **Healthy Bones for Life Class** every **Monday** and **Wednesday** at **9:45am**. Osteoporosis causes bones to lose their strength and to break. The body does make new bone tissue but not as fast as it is lost, therefore decreasing bone strength. There is no cure for osteoporosis, but it can be slowed by preventative measures. This class can help. This class is for those that have been diagnosed with osteoporosis, and for any one who is at risk. There is no charge for this class. You might want to join us on **Tuesdays**, at **10:00am** for a **Balance and Range of Motion class** or on **Thursday** at **10:00am** for a **Conditioning and Strength Building class**. Both of these classes are geared for the mature body and are tailored for the individual. Both classes are \$4.00 per class. If that class is not the right speed for you then try a new **PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise)** on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at **10:30am**. This class focuses on the individual and is tailored to each participant's level of ability. This is an ongoing free class. Keep yourself healthy and active!!!

The Center also offers many educational and fun classes for you to participate in. These include: Woodcarving, Painting, Watercolor Painting, Crafts, Ceramics, Card Stamping, Jewelry Making, Line Dancing, and Quilting. We also offer many fun activities such as: Bowling, Shuffle Board, Poker, Pinochle, Mah Jongg, Domino's, a variety of card games and board games, just to name a few. There are also many trips, both day trips and overnight trips throughout the year.

For more information on all of the programs, activities, trips, classes, etc. visit us at www.townofhalfmoon.ny.gov Click on the Senior Center on the right and check out our Newsletter. You may also call us at 371-3892 or stop in to see us for a tour!

Eileen Pettis, Director

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Receiver of Taxes



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and you can enjoy the beauty of autumn.

Water Bills

In the Receiver of Taxes office our thoughts are to Town of Halfmoon Water Bills and 2020 Saratoga County Property Tax bills. My task at this time is to remind everyone that if your Town of Halfmoon water bill is not paid by 4pm on November 1, 2019 the late fee amount will be on your 2020 Saratoga County Property Tax Bill, there are no exceptions. The account is closed at the end of business that day in order to prepare for the upcoming tax season.

On the Town of Halfmoon website you will also find ACH forms for direct payment of water bills out of your checking account the 4 times a year it is due. It will be deducted on the 20th of the month it is due. There is no extra fee for this service. If you call by phone and want to pay with a credit card there is a processing fee of 3.0927 percent and to pay with a credit card, on the website there is a flat \$5.00 fee per \$400.00. This is not a fee that goes to the Town of Halfmoon but the provider of the service. For those who decide to use a credit card on the website, you can also set up a permanent account for your convenience.

Property Tax

If you have paid off your mortgage please let Receiver of Taxes office know so your tax bill is sent directly to you. You can find both the change of address form and the 953 form for end of mortgage payments on the Town of Halfmoon website (www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov) please fill them out and drop them off at the office or mail them to Receiver of Taxes, Town of Halfmoon, 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza, Halfmoon NY 12065 at your earliest convenience.

When you receive your property tax bill, please look it over and if you have any questions please contact my office as soon as possible so if there is an issue we can address it promptly. Please do not wait until the end of the month, this will not give us time to address the issue before the bill will go into penalty.

I also urge anyone who did not receive their school tax bill due to an incorrect address to please make sure this has been corrected with the Town of Halfmoon Assessor's office before the end of October or contact my office to fix this issue.

*Kiva and I wish you a wonderful holiday season
and a new year filled with peace and joy.*

Respectfully,

Karen S. Pingelski Receiver of Taxes Town of Halfmoon

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Building & Planning Department

Town Enacts New Zoning & Building Laws to Help Balance Growth & Protect Quality of Life

Earlier this year, the Halfmoon Town Board adopted a series of zoning amendments and changes to the building process to help meet the needs of our growing town. Halfmoon has become a popular location for young families, retirees and those seeking to take advantage of everything our town and region has to offer. These changes are designed to accommodate growth while helping to preserve our quality of life.



These changes were the culmination of over six years of study by two committees of Town residents, local businesses, and Town staff. After several public workshops and a public hearing, the Town Board adopted many of the recommendations. Highlights of the changes are listed below. **For a full summary, please visit the Town website at <https://www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov>.**

- Enactment of a “cluster subdivision” law to encourage unique subdivision design;
- Newly created zoning districts along Hudson River Rd (Rts 4/32) to promote “clean” manufacturing and waterfront re-development;
- Zoning changes and overlay districts along portions of Crescent – Vischer Ferry Rd, Grooms Rd, Sitterly Rd and NYS Rt 146 to encourage small business re-development;
- Changes to building setbacks & wetlands buffers in residential zoning districts;
- New building permit requirements to ensure proper location of structures and minimize stormwater impacts;
- Expiration of all pool permits after 6 months;
- LED lighting messages may change once every 20 seconds.

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